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Princeton
Massachusetts
April 10, 1970

Dear Miss Snell,

This opportunity to say thank you to you is a special privilege for me. I am very happy to be one fortunate to have had you as a coach, and more importantly as a teacher. Often I think how lucky it was for me that I chose Ursinus. I knew so little about the college, and never knew that college girls played games one college team against another!

There can be no one who knew less about hockey. Any success I've had began with you and your daily influence on the field and in the classroom. Like so many others who are thanking you now, I, too, want you to know that I always appreciate your knowledge and your guidance.

I am very proud of having been one of your students, and I find it hard to imagine Ursinus without you. It will mean a great deal when I tell someone, "I went to Ursinus 'when Miss Snell was there!'"

Everyone knows what you have meant to the school and to each girl who has had an interest in sports.

Even though my prime athletic years are over I find myself always aware of circumstances which in some way can relate to my college experience. The rules for playing games were not the only things which mattered to you. In your usually subtle way you taught me many necessary things that are more important than specific game rules. We learned by your example; following your example is very hard.

I hope the years ahead are full of those things which make you happy. I greatly appreciate and am terribly proud to know you as a teacher and as a friend. Thank you, Miss Snell.

With love and respect,

Pat Jolley